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6 CASSANDRA CHAU TRUONG,  
7 Administratrix of the Estate of  
8 Roland Anthony Boudreau,

9 Plaintiffs,  
10 vs.  
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12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
13 Defendant.

14 CIVIL CASE NO. 06-00022

15 ORDER

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17 Based upon the request of the parties to meet with the below-signed Magistrate Judge to  
18 discuss settlement, a Settlement Conference shall be held on Friday, March 21, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.  
19 The Court directs the parties to read this Order carefully as it controls the settlement procedure for  
20 this case.

21       **1. Presence of Lead Counsel.** Unless a party is proceeding *pro se*, the attorney attending  
22 the settlement conference must be the lead trial counsel.

23       **2. Presence of All Parties.** All parties or the party's representative to the litigation must  
24 attend the settlement conference. A representative with *unrestricted* settlement authority must  
25 appear on behalf of corporations and other business entities.

26       **3. Insurance Matters.** In cases involving insurance, a representative with *unrestricted*  
27 settlement authority must appear on behalf of the insurance company.

**4. Confidential Settlement Letters.** Each party must submit a confidential settlement letter, no more than five (5) pages in length, no later than Thursday, March 20, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. The letter should not be filed, but should be submitted in a sealed envelope and labeled "SEALED: CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT LETTER FOR IN CAMERA REVIEW ONLY." The letter should set forth the party's statement of the case, including strengths and weaknesses, and the party's settlement position, including the last offer or demand made by the party and a statement of the offer or demand the party is prepared to make at the settlement conference. The settlement conference letter shall be returned to the party that submitted the letter at the end of the settlement conference.

**5. Date and Time of Conference.** The settlement conference shall be held on **Friday, March 21, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.



**/s/ Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.  
U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Dated: Mar 18, 2008**